

Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2 , 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Adrian McDaniel Eric Scott Gregory Ware Jacqueline Cox Betty Gosney

Council Member Absent

Lynda Gonzales Mike Koss

Minutes

Jacqueline Cox moved to approve the April minutes and Betty Gosney seconded the motion. All were in favor and the April minutes were approved. Eric Scott moved to approve the May minutes with the correction of the spelling of Pam Geil and Virginia Geil's last name. Gregory Ware seconded the motion. All were in favor and the May minutes were approved.

New Business

A. Bloomington High School "Kayos Kidz Club"

Mary Margaret Breuer is the CEO of the Kayos Kidz. She wanted to share briefly the history of the Kayos Kids Club. She informed the MAC and the residents that in November of 2001 a group of 4 teenagers adopted a US Marine troop that was stationed in Bagdad, Iraq. Today the club is still together and they have received over 150 awards and the club has grown. In the last 8 years they have worked KCAL radio station to send items to the troops in Bagdad, the Red Cross, Toys for Tots and Santa's Helpers programs which have helped over 200 families and they are hoping that this year they double that number. Oscar Lopez reported that they are looking forward to the new school year and they try to teach children that it is important to give to the community. They want to start a leadership program for 6-9 graders. Amanda Castillo, Vice-President reported that they have several teen girls that have been invited to the National Woman's Conference by Maria Schriver. Two of the members, Mary Margaret Breuer and Andrew Homes as they received a Kohls Kids award and will not be competing against each other. Jessica Thompson reported that even though the school year is almost over they continue to meet and are planning a two weekend of camping and keep busy with several activities. They are working on getting sponsors for a teen center in Bloomington which they hope will be open before the start of the next school year.

B. SANBAG - Riverside I-10 Interchange Project Updated was cancelled

C. Code Enforcement "Community Task Force" Proposal

MAC Chair McDaniel spoke to Dan Flores about the issues that are going on after hours. He wants the residents of Bloomington help the county in identifying issues such as homelessness, drugs, illegal truck parking or any others issues that are taking place after hours. He said it is important to be the eyes and ears of the community and forward the information to the Sheriff's Department and Code Enforcement so that more of the issues can be addressed.

Field Representative Dan Flores reported that he had spoken to Code Enforcement and they let him know that their office is complaint driven. If they do not know about things that are happening, they will not go out to investigate. He reported that it would be beneficial to form a community group and have a point person who will communicate with Code Enforcement to

identify by providing addresses. Code Enforcement is willing to participate if the Bloomington community is interested. He stated that they do have these community groups in other areas and it has been very effective. A community group would strictly focus on the Bloomington area and report any issues they observe to Code Enforcement. Sergeant Finneran stated that the Citizens Patrol units have a radio in the car but there are no volunteers. They have 4 cars and if anyone is interested they can call the station. They will have to go through forty hours of training and a background check. The minimum age is 18. Another idea is to start neighborhood watch groups and other ideas can be discussed at future meetings. Council Member Gregory Ware suggested making a flyer for distribution to recruit for the citizen's patrol.

Staff Reports

A. CHP- Officer Hope Maxson reported that on May 26th they got 7 new cadets. They hope to get a Community Service Officer who will dedicate one day a week to address issues in Bloomington by the end of the year.

B. Field Representative Dan Flores announced that the applications for the Tourism Grant are due on June 19th. Next he reported that a project for street lights on Bloomington Ave and March Ave. has been approved and a signal will also be installed in the near future. Finally he reported that the issue of the trucks parked at the old Bloomington Recycling facility has been addressed. There is no permit for the parking and a notice of violation has been issued.

C. Sheriff's Department – Sergeant Dan Finneran

Sergeant Finneran announced a new website that is crimemapping.com that is updated every 24 hours and is for the public to access and find out what is going on in their neighborhoods. He also reported that there were 3 homicides and one guy was arrested and will be prosecuted. The graffiti tracker is still being worked on. They are consolidating with the Fontana station and their staff size is great. A dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department stated that the best information people can provide is the exact location or a point of reference and a good description of the individual they are reporting about so that the deputy who is on his way knows what to look for.

D. Special Districts

Mr. Millington reported that the picnic table project is completed. They will be demolishing the concrete next week. The picnic tables will also be shifted. The skate park expansion paperwork is in place and should it should be coming up in July. They shifted some employees to Wrightwood for assistance and helped build a park for a Veteran's Memorial. Finally he reported that they will look into the ball park fields to see.

Items for Upcoming Meetings

Updated information on the Riverside I-10 will be provided.

Member Reports

Council Member Eric Scott would like to encourage everyone to consider getting a community task force. He stated that he always sees the same faces at the MAC meetings and would like to get more residents to come out to the meetings. The more people are involved in the community the better the results will be.

Council Member Gregory Ware stated that he agreed with Council Member Scott on trying to be vigilant and make the appropriate calls. He was really inspired by the youth of the Kayos Kidz and he stated that it is refreshing to see that the local youth are making a difference. He stated that the website Crimemapping.com is really great and residents can sign up to get updates for

their area within 2 miles of our house. Finally he stated that he has an anonymous donation for the Bloomington Neighborhood Center.

Chairman Adrian McDaniel reported that the signal is up at the San Bernardino/Riverside County line and hopefully will slow down the traffic. He reported that they are also supposed to get traffic lights on Cedar Ave. He also announced that his daughter joined the Sheriff's Explorer Program and she is very happy about it. Finally he reported that he will take the proper steps to get the neighborhood watch program in his area and hopefully get some of his neighbors to come out to the meetings.

Public Comments

Eric Davenport brought a 2x4 stick and demonstrated how to secure a door. He stated that the tumbleweed tastes like spinach and when you add lemon or vinegar they are very tasty. He stated that for those individuals who have not taken a self-defense class it doesn't matter what size you are but knowing where to hit. The eyes, nose and throat are the best places. He also stated that you can be trained on how to get power behind a punch.

Andrea Sandoval reported that they are going to be hosting the All Stars and mentioned that their donations have been down. They are asking for donations. The Horse Club lowered their fee to make it more affordable. And finally she reported that there will be a horse show on the last Saturday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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